

Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions have illustrated the dangers to localism caused by media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the PUBLIC interest. Unfortunately, when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

It is vitally important that we see real people FROM OUR OWN COMMUNITIES and more substantive news about issues that matter, rather than productions from "News Central" from far away.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.